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News for the People in Montgomery County Government

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Chuck Short at his desk flanked by the dozens of community and public service awards he has received.

Short Leaves Following Long Run

Few can imagine the Department of Health and Human Services without the leadership of the man who has been at the helm for nearly 20 years. Chuck Short began his career with Montgomery County as a program manager for the Division on Children and Youth in 1973. He became chief of that division in 1980, and three years later was named director of the Department of Family Resources by then-County Executive Charles W. Gilchrist. In 1995, he was appointed director of the newly-established Department of Health and Human Services by County Executive Douglas M. Duncan, where he oversaw a massive reorganization of the county's social service and health programs that saved millions of dollars by combining four agencies (Health, Addiction, Victim & Mental Health, Family Resources and Social Services) into one department.

Short is leaving County service on June 1 to embark on a new career with the Catholic Archdiocese of Washington as Secretary for Social Concerns. In this new position, Short

will report directly to Cardinal Theodore McCarrick in all areas of human services and social action. Short feels that taking this position is a "calling," and he looks forward to providing a lay presence in the church, while coordinating and planning the archdiocese's outreach to the local community.

Short credits the dedicated employees in his department for many of the accomplishments he has achieved over the years, as well as the strong partnership his department has formed with the local citizenry, and the unfailing support of County Executive Duncan. "The creation of this department was the vision of Mr. Duncan and it has greatly improved the delivery of human services in Montgomery County," said Short.

One of Short's personal disappointments has been the failure of the state and federal governments to follow through on the deinstitutionalization process that began in

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September 11 Memorial Planned



The County Executive has established a committee to make recommendations for a memorial to remember the 11 Montgomery County residents who were victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. The panel, chaired by former County Council member Bill Hanna, is very interested in receiving the public's thoughts and suggestions for this memorial.

If you would like to offer a suggestion for this memorial, send an e-mail to Andrea Jolly at: andrea.jolly@co.mo.md.us. All of the comments received will be shared with the Memorial Committee and given consideration as the panel continues its work.

Election Judges Needed for 2002 Elections

The Board of Elections is seeking individuals to serve as election judges on Primary Election Day, September 10 and General Election Day, November 5.

In accordance with the Election Code, judges must be registered to vote in Montgomery County. They must also be able to speak, read and write the English language, and must not hold or be a candidate for public or party office.

More than 3,000 elections judges are needed, as well as standby judges. Training will be provided and all judges will be compensated for serving on election day.

To apply, or for more information, call the Election Judge Recruiters at 240-777-8570 (Democrats) or 240-777-8575 (Republicans).

Overheard On the Elevator

Moving on up... **TOM POGUE**, DPWT, was recently promoted to the position of Community Outreach Manager in the Director's Office. In his new position, Pogue will serve as liaison between the department and citizens and is responsible for the Renew Montgomery and Keep Montgomery County Beautiful programs. Pogue previously worked at the Silver Spring Commuter Services office.

And, moving on... Assistant Police Chief **ROBERT BARNHOUSE** retired in early May after a 29-year career with Montgomery County Police. Capt. **BILL O'TOOLE**, director of media services for the past two years, was recently promoted to replace Barnhouse.

Congratulations to **MICHAEL KRUMLAUF**, Office of Emergency Management, who was recently certified by the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) for the Certified Emergency Manager (CEM) credential. The CEM designation is the highest honor of professional achievement available from IAEM.

CPL. PAUL KUKUCKA, Police, and his partner KODA took top honors in the United States Police Canine Association Region 3 Certification Trials recently held in Gaithersburg. More than 35 teams from Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia and the District of Columbia competed in structured courses that tested the officer's handling skills and their canine partner's skills in obedience, agility, article searches, suspect searches and criminal apprehensions.

Montgomery County's **Mercy Clinic** was presented with an Acts of Caring Award from the National Association of Counties at a recent ceremony on Capitol Hill. The Mercy Clinic was among 24 selected from across the country for outstanding achievements in improving quality of life.

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Drawing the Line Marks Ten Years

Drawing the Line on Underage Alcohol Use recently celebrated ten years of successfully working to reduce underage drinking in Montgomery County. The public/private coalition was formed in 1992 by then-Councilmember Gail Ewing. The group works to build community consensus that underage drinking is illegal, unhealthy and unacceptable.

Chuck Short, speaking on behalf of the County Executive, praised the group for its efforts over the years. "Due in no small part to the work of this group, drinking among sixth graders has been reduced by more than half," said Short. "In 1994, statistics showed that 14 percent of sixth graders reported using some form of alcohol during a 30-day period, compared with only six percent in 2001." Short

went on to say that the County is committed to continuing the public portion of this public/private partnership.

Drawing the Line founder Gail Ewing highlighted how attitudes and actions have changed over the years. "Ten years ago, many parents did not know what the legal minimum drinking age was," said Ewing. "And the County police felt the community would not support enforcement of underage drinking laws."

The group celebrated its ten year anniversary with an awards breakfast at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Bethesda.

For more information, call Nancy Rea in the Department of Health and Human Services at 240-777-1123.

Protect Your Vehicle Against Theft

Newly released statistics indicate that auto theft is on the rise in the United States, and Toyota Camrys and Honda Accords are popular targets. The Police Department's Centralized Auto Theft Section offers tips on how to protect your vehicle from theft.

To help protect your vehicle from theft, the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) – which produces an annual list of most commonly stolen vehicles – recommends that motorists always remove keys from the ignition, lock the doors, close the windows, hide valuable items, park in well-lit areas and use a combination of anti-theft devices. Additional precautions include installing a visible deterrent such as a steering wheel lock, an alarm, a starter or fuel disabler and a tracking device.

According to the Police Department, there are approximately 3,000 vehicles stolen each year in Montgomery County. Of these, about 20 percent have had the keys left in the vehicle. Owners are also advised never to leave an unattended vehicle running. This is a violation of Maryland law and carries a \$50 fine and one point on your license. Also, do not leave spare keys in the vehicle in places such as the ashtray, glove box, console area, or in magnetic boxes that are hidden on the car.

Another thing to consider is the use of anti-theft or recovery devices. Some of these devices can be viewed on the Montgomery County Police website at www.co.mo.md.us/services/police under the Auto Theft button, or call 301-840-6160 for information.



Bike to Work Day 2002 – County Executive Douglas M. Duncan (right) celebrated Bike to Work Day in Rockville by announcing that the County has installed additional bike lockers and racks to help bicycle commuters in Rockville and other parts of the County. "Bicycle commuting helps improve the quality of life of communities by enhancing air quality, reducing traffic congestion, conserving energy and reducing traffic noise," said Duncan. Pictured with Duncan is Housing and Community Affairs employee Richard Alexander, who said it takes less time for him to commute by bike than to drive. Duncan also announced the County is nearing completion of several bicycle commuter projects using a \$50,000 grant

from the Maryland Department of Transportation. The County is installing bike lockers in Bethesda, North Bethesda and Rockville, racks for 10 sites in Bethesda, 31 racks in Rockville and racks at three upcounty sites.



A Bittersweet Farewell – Rich Madaleno, Intergovernmental Relations, said goodbye to his fellow staff members in early May. Rich is leaving his job as a legislative analyst for the past seven years to begin his campaign for the House of Delegates in District 18. Madaleno hopes to parlay his many years working with state and county governments into a successful bid for the House of Delegates. Joining Madaleno in a run for a District 18 Delegate seat is Jane Lawton, Cable Television Administrator in the Division of Consumer Affairs. Pictured above with Madaleno are co-workers Wanda Wells (left) and Sheila Sprague.

Silver Spring and Wheaton 2002 Summer Concert Series

A little salsa maybe? Or perhaps you prefer those golden oldies. Whatever your musical taste, you can find it at one of the free concerts this summer in Silver Spring and Wheaton. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and sit back and enjoy the sounds of the Summer Concert Series that will soon be getting underway. The Silver Spring concerts take place on Thursday evenings at Georgia Avenue and Ellsworth Drive. The Wheaton concerts will be held on Wednesday evenings in the grassy area on Reddie Drive, directly across from the Mid-County Regional Services Center.

Mark your calendar with the following dates (all concerts begin at 7 p.m.):

Silver Spring concerts:

- June 13 – Jambulay (Caribbean world beat)
- June 20 – The Fabulous Bel Airs (oldies)
- June 27 – Jimi Smooth & Hittime (R&B)
- July 11 – Alex Fox & Liza (Latin music)
- July 18, 19, 20 & 21 – “Silver Spring Under the Stars” – Outdoor Movies
- July 25 – The Blues Blasters and Bruce Ewan (Spanish/Portuguese Blues)
- August 1 – Carey Ziegler’s Expensive Hobby (top ten covers)

August 8 – Combo Ocho (salsa)

August 15 – Sean Ardoin & Zydekool (zydeco)

Wheaton concerts:

- July 10 – Los de barrio (Latin)
- July 17 – Black Sheep (Reggae)
- July 24 – Kol Haruach (Klezmer)
- July 31 – Barry Polisar (Children’s music)
- August 14 and 21 - to be announced

In addition to the Summer Concert Series, the Department of Recreation and the City of Rockville will present the Sundown Sounds Concerts Series at the Executive Office Building terrace, on Tuesday evenings from 5:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., on the following dates:

- June 4 – On The Edge (greatest hits from the 60s through today)
- June 25 – U.S. Army Chorale (The U.S. Army’s premiere show ensemble)

August 13 – U.S. Army Blues Jazz Ensemble

August 27 – Quantico Marine Band

For more information on these concerts, call 240-777-6821.

HR Notes

Office of Human Resources

New Leadership

OHR is pleased to announce that James Torgesen has been named Acting Director of the Office of Human Resources; Georgia Coffey is Acting EEO Officer; and Carlos Vargas is Acting Manager of the Staffing and Organizational Development Team.

June Open Season for Deferred Compensation

Enroll in the deferred compensation plan, change your contribution amount, change providers, or add a second provider during the June 3-28 open season. Call Fidelity Investments at 1-800-430-2363 or The Hartford at 1-800-243-7782, X207 for more information. Or visit provider Web sites: Fidelity Investments at <http://netbenefits.publicsave.com>. The Hartford at <http://retire.hartfordlife.com>. For forms and provider packets, visit OHR, EOB 7th floor.

Sign and Date Forms

Please remember to include your signature, SSN, and the current date on forms you submit to OHR for processing or filing. Dates can be important – especially on beneficiary forms.

Benefits Seminars

Do you understand your group insurance? Get ready for the fall Transfer Season by attending an informational seminar conducted by OHR’s Benefits Team on group insurance and flexible spending accounts. Seminars will be held on May 15 from 2 - 4 p.m. (class #74738) and 5:30-7:30 p.m. (class #74739), and on June 19 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. (class #74740) and 2 - 4 p.m. (class #74741). Spouses are welcome. Register through OHR’s Automated Training Registration Line at 240-777-5122.

Student Verification in July

If you have a dependent aged 19-25 who is a student and enrolled in County group insurance, watch for a letter from OHR in July requesting verification of your child’s student status for the fall semester. Please be prepared to provide the requested information immediately, or contact OHR for an extension of time.

Blood Drive June 10

Blood donations are always needed. Please help. A blood drive will be held Monday, June 10, in the EOB lobby auditorium from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Call the Red Cross directly at 1-800-448-3543 to schedule an appointment.

HOUSE FOR RENT – Rockville. Four-bdr., 2.5 bath, 3 levels. Available July 1. \$1,550/month. Credit check. Call 301-762-6147.

CONDO FOR RENT – Germantown. Two bdr., one bath. One month security deposit required. Close to Town Center, theatre, restaurants. Available 6/1. \$870/month+electric. No pets. Call 240-777-6329 or 301-428-3445.

OCEANFRONT CONDO – Antigua at 85th St., O.C., MD. Spectacular ocean and bay views, two bdr., 2 baths, W/D, D/W, A/C, cable, balcony, pool, sauna. All amenities. Reasonable rates. Call 301-604-6865.

RESORT VACATION LOT – Spotsylvania, VA. Year-round access to resort (not a time-share), fishing, swimming, boating, volleyball, basketball, recreation center, adult clubhouse, lots more. Fifteen minutes from King's Dominion. \$4,000/best offer. Call Rosetta, 301-528-5511.

BEACH RENTAL – Rehobeth Beach, DE. Three-bdr. house, 2 baths, screened porch, outdoor shower, large deck, fenced yard, A/C units, ceiling fans, cable TV, W/D, phone. Pets welcome. Rent by week or weekend, year round. Call Pat Spranger, 301-587-5495.

COUNTRY GETAWAY – Berkeley Springs, WV. Cozy, fully-equipped 3-bdr. house converted from bam,

Backpage Bargains

County employees may submit ads, non-commercial only, with name and home and office phone number to Information Office, 4th floor, EOB. **Ads may appear one time only.** Deadline for the next issue is July 5, 2002.

large deck, A/C units and fans, sleeps up to nine, but great for couple. Located five miles from town on 31 acres with gorgeous view. Rent by week or weekend, year round. Call Pat Spranger, 301-587-5495.

'99 YAMAHA MOTORCYCLE – Star Classic Cruiser, black (looks like a Harley). Excellent condition. \$4,800/best offer. Will consider any terms. Call 240-350-0098.

ESTATE SALE – Saturday and Sunday, June 15 & 16, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at 13010 Thyme Court, Germantown. Everything must go, inc., sofa, chairs, bookshelves, dining table/chairs, antique furniture, collectibles, cars, motorcycle, dishes, jewelry, paintings, computer, printer, watches, and much more. Call 240-777-4004.

FURNITURE – children's bedroom set from This End Up, inc. bunk beds w/ladder and chest of drawers. Excellent condition. \$1,500 new, will sell for \$750. Call 240-777-3707 or 301-253-0714.

FURNITURE – solid pine full bed w/mattress, like new, \$300. Two white bookshelves, \$25 and \$20 ea.

Solid white dresser w/mirror, \$250. Call 240-777-1958.

DRINK MACHINE – has coin mechanism and validator, multi-price controller, digital read-out, bill validator, six select can drink, easy loading rack holds 204 12 oz. cans. Used only three months, then

stored in garage. New in 2000. \$1,300. Call 301-682-4566, eves.

FOR SALE – old/collectible teapots; Fenton art glass pieces in mint condition; Oriental porcelain pieces; sled, 20 years old, never used; commercial-sized VitaMix juicer/dough kneader, hardly used. Call Kate, 240-777-1946 or 410-635-2776, for prices, lists, pictures.

WASHER/DRYER – Frigidaire, full-size. Used only one year. \$350. Call Mary, 240-777-2753.

PROM DRESSES – four, sizes 8 to 12, various colors and styles. Prices range from \$30 to \$80. Call Pat Spranger, 301-587-5495.

WOMEN'S CLOTHING – brand name, all sizes, accessories. Call 240-777-4004.

BUS TICKETS – bus trip to Atlantic City on Saturday, July 13. Bus has comfortable seats, TV/VCR, bathroom. Free refreshments and door prizes. Ticket price is \$30 each, with \$5-10 rebates upon arrival. Call Twana, 301-916-0539.

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the early 70s. "State and federal governments have cut back services to the mentally ill and underfunded other disabled populations over the years with monies going to other priorities. Government has failed in its commitment to adequately fund programs that support deinstitutionalization and, consequently, the process is failing," said Short. Because this issue is so important to him – and because one of his former bosses, Charlie Gilchrist, taught him to "be persistent and keep after issues" – Chuck Short says he plans to continue to advocate for justice for this sector of the population.

Asked if he has any advice for his successor, Short offers the following: "Rely heavily on the good will of the people of Montgomery County. There is an inherent goodness in our citizens and the employees in the Department of Health and Human Services. Challenge them and lead them well, and you will do just fine."

Editor's Note: The Department of Health and Human Services is planning a farewell dinner for Chuck Short on Tuesday, June 18 at 4 p.m. at Smokey Glen Farm, 16407 Riffleford Road in Gaithersburg. Cost is \$26 for adults and \$13.25 for children. If you'd like to attend, or have any questions, call 240-777-1672.

Merit System Protection Board Holds Annual Public Forum

The Merit System Protection Board will conduct its annual public forum on Wednesday, June 12 at 3:30 p.m. in the seventh floor hearing room of the Council Office Building.

The forum is held each year to provide employees and others with the opportunity to present their views, concerns and suggestions regarding administration of the County's

merit system. The Chief Administrative Officer has authorized the use of up to two hours of administrative leave for employees who wish to attend.

Call 240-777-6620 to register to speak. Written comments may be submitted to the Merit System Protection Board, 100 Maryland Avenue, Room 113, Rockville, MD 20850.

International Festival Moves To Wheaton



Montgomery County will celebrate its rich cultural diversity at the annual International Festival on Sunday, June 9, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in downtown Wheaton. Amherst Avenue, Price and Fern Streets will come alive with two stages of musical and dance performances, food vendors, displays, crafts, and activities for children.

The festival will be held rain or shine and will kick off with a "Diversity of Cultures Parade" at 11 a.m.

For more information, call 240-777-6821.